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Dear Joshua -

Many thanks for your note with the interesting news about the P. fluorescens mutants. A. 3. 17 and A. 3. 19 will be sent off early next week. When testing for mandelate-negative mutants, I think it would be useful to pick up all mutants blocked on that pathway, by growing them on an asparagine, rather than a benzoate medium; this because from the biochemical standpoint mutants with a block in benzoate oxidation would be even more valuable than ones blocked on the mandelate \rightarrow benzoate sequence.

My visit to Chicago has been postponed, largely because the situation in Berkeley has taken a decided turn for the better, and it begins to look as if we shall have a faculty reasonably united at last in determined opposition to the Regents. The situation is confused at the moment, so I won't comment thereon. However, if things turn out as I hope, I'll probably introduce my resignation (which The President has so far refused to accept).

Am recovering at present from a bout of flu and the Ephraïm visit. Harriett has to be seen to be believed — and heard also. She gave the best impersonation of a great French woman scientist to have been seen in America since Mme. Curie was here.

Best wishes

Rogers

P.S. I'm bet Harriett won't be able to speak English at all next time she visits America.